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SUBJECT: CALM RESTORED IN SANTIAGO

REF SANTIAGO 2620

1. SANTIAGO CALM AS OF MIDDAY JUNE 17 AFTER YESTERDAY'S VIOLENCE (REFTEL). CARABINEROS HEAVILY IN EVIDENCE IN DOWNTOWN STREETS (AS USUAL THESE DAYS), AND SMALL GROUP OF HELMETED WORKERS (PRESUMABLY UP) OUTSIDE LABOR MINISTRY. MINERS OCCUPY STREET AND GARDEN IN FRONT OF NATIONAL CONGRESS, AND MASS TO PRAY FOR QUICK AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT SCHEDULED THIS EVENING IN JOINT SESSION HALL OF CONGRESS.

2. TENIENTE MINERS DID NOT RPT NOT HOLD SECOND MEETING WITH GOVT. OFFICIALS ON POSSIBLE STRIKE SETTLEMENT. GOVT. SPOKESMAN CLAIMED SECOND MEETING WAS TO BE WITH MIN LABOR FIGUEROA AND MIN MINES BITAR (BOTH SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE BY IMPEACHMENT CHARGES). FIGUEROA AND MINERS SUBSEQUENTLY EXCHANGED CHARGES OTHER SIDE FAILED TO KEEP DATE. HE SPECIFICALLY DENIED GOVT. HAD MADE ANY NEW OFFERS. COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES ISSUED JOINT STATEMENT CLAIMING TENIENTE STRIKE IS "ARTIFICIAL" AND UNCLASSIFIED

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STAGED BY MINORITY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES; STATEMENT DEPLORED
FACT ALLENDE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STRIKERS YESTERDAY
(REFTEL).

3. MINERS, MEANWHILE, OVERNIGHTED IN PDC HEADQUARTERS, CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY AND CONGRESS BUILDING. MINERS HAVE VOWED THEY WILL
REMAIN IN SANTIAGO UNTIL PROMISED TALKS RESUMED, AND THOSE
REMAINING IN RANCAGUA ASKED BY LEADERS TO COME TO CAPITAL.

4. YESTERDAY' S EVENTS FINALLY ENDED WITH PEACEFUL BREAKUP AROUND
9 P. M. OF UP PARTISANS GATHERED IN FRONT OF MONEDA. CUT AND
COPPER CONFEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES HAILED THEM FOR PROTECTING
GOVT. FROM " FASCIST PROVOCATIONS" AND CLAIMED THEIR FIRM STAND
HAD DOOMED OPPOSITION' S SUBVERSIVE PLANS TO FAILURE.

5. UNDER SEC. INTERIOR VERGARA CLAIMED 24 ARRESTED AND 64
HURT IN YESTERDAY' S VIOLENCE. UP PRESS REPORTED ON SOCIALIST
YOUTH KILLED AT PS HEADQUARTERS WHEN FIRED UPON FROM SPEEDING CAR.
OPPOSITION EL MERCURIO PROMINENTLY PRINTED PICTURE OF WHAT IT
CLAIMED
WERE PRO- GOVT. DEMONSTRATORS FIRING PISTOLS. OPPOSITION GROUPS,
ESPECIALLY SECONDARY STUDENTS, DENOUNCED " ONE- SIDED" ACTION OF
CARABINEROS IN DISPERSING DEMONSTRATORS, CLAIMING POLICE PRO-
TECTED PRO- GOVT. GOON SQUADS BUT WERE UNDULY HARSH WITH
OPPOSITION COUNTERPARTS. GOVT. ORDERED CHARGES UNDER INTERNAL
SECURITY LAW BROUGHT AGAINST OPPOSITION LA SEGUNDA AND RADIO
AGRICULTURA FOR THEIR COVERAGE EVENTS, AS GOVT. AND PDC
EXCHANGED ANGRY STATEMENTS BLAMING EACH OTHER FOR CAUSING
THE VIOLENCE.
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